



**Open Space Committee
Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2016, 7:30 pm
Town Hall Annex**

Present: Elena Bartholomew, Wendy Richter, David White, Joey Glushko, Teresa DeBenedictis, Jane Auger, John Pickle, Ann LeRoyer, Kelsey Cowen

Absent: Brian Kelder

Minutes prepared by Jane Auger

Happy Retirement to Joey Glushko!!!

Minutes from May approved with amendments

Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces

"Take a Walk, Arlington" Kelsey and Wendy met with Adam Kurowski to develop the map project and interactive web-based app keyed to Town GIS maps. OSC may schedule an ad hoc check-in meeting later in summer to discuss this further. mapsonline.net/arlingtonma/walkingroutes.html in Beta version. It would be good to have PDFs to be able to print as a large map for Town Day. We might ask Ed Gordon, a historian and guide, to offer a walking tour in East Arlington in the Fall.

Committee Membership

Brian's membership approval will be at the next Selectman's meeting on July 18.

Vision 2020 appointee is still pending.

Planning Department will appoint a new liaison soon.

Picture Post Project

3 new posts put in at the Reservoir with on-going pictures being taken. To help publicize the project, an article should be planned for the Arlington Advocate; perhaps an ACMI feature? Facebook post?

Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)

We continued discussing development of a tracking process to monitor action items and track accomplishments; perhaps look at the Master Plan matrix for ideas? Wendy will try to get this for us to review by the fall meeting. What types of information should be tracked?

Other news

Reservoir water chestnut cleanup going well with Mystic River Watershed volunteer help and mechanical harvesters arranged by DPW.

Magnolia Park Project -- Dawn Redwood tree (planted in 1985) at Magnolia Park will not be removed for now. Con Com issued a permit vis a vis other park improvements in the flood zone, but the tree situation will be revisited at the next ConCom meeting July14 after clarification...

A conservation restriction at LexFarm, next to the Reservoir, will protect the land for farm use. CR to be held by Mass. Farm Bureau Federation.

Adjourned 9:05pm

2016 Meeting dates

September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8